



PROCLAMATION

USS STOCKDALE (DDG-106)

April 18, 2009

WHEREAS, the **USS STOCKDALE (DDG-106)**, an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer, is the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale, a Medal of Honor recipient and one of the Navy's most highly decorated officers; and

WHEREAS, the motto of the **USS STOCKDALE (DDG-106)**—"Return With Honor"—reminds us of Admiral Stockdale's extraordinary service and sacrifice during seven years as the Navy's senior Prisoner of War in North Vietnam, exemplifying the Navy's highest values of courage and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, the **USS STOCKDALE (DDG-106)** will be commissioned this Saturday, April 18th, 2009, at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the **USS STOCKDALE (DDG-106)** proudly represent the core values of honor, courage, and commitment of the United States Navy, and are always welcome to the community of Santa Barbara,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DALE FRANCISCO, on behalf of **MAYOR MARTY BLUM** and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby salute and commend the officers and crew of the **USS STOCKDALE (DDG-106)**, congratulate them on the commissioning of the Navy's newest and most advanced destroyer, and extend to them our wholehearted support and appreciation for all that they endeavor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 14th day of April, 2009.



DALE FRANCISCO
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE